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a 2025 Caterpillar Model 953-12 Track Loader. Fraser discussed the details of the quote.

Ryan Allen joined the meeting.

Fraser shared the quote is \$350,500.00. Included in the total cost is 7-year warranty and the CSA program which is the 1,000-hour maintenance.

Fraser also shared financing options through Caterpillar. Gwennap asked Fraser if he has any used options. Fraser shared a quote for a 2018 Caterpillar Model 953K Track Loader with 2,484 hours. The quote for this machine is \$198,050.00.

Fraser left the meeting. Allen discussed the following:

1. Allen shared the Midway Co-op propane contract. The commissioners stated we will continue to do the same as last year, which is pre-paid.

2. Allen discussed military leave for an employee. The commissioners directed Allen to follow policy.

3. Gwennap asked about whether the landfill has a generator. Allen stated the landfill has a portable gen-

4. The commissioners asked Allen to contact the

local banks for lease purchase interest rates. They informed Allen to request the rates for both a 5-year term and 7-year term.

A motion was made by Peterson and seconded by Gwennap to approve the Midway Co-op prepaid contract for \$1,399.00. Motion carried unanimously.

The commissioners and Allen also reviewed the quote from Murphy Tractor & Equipment for a John Deere 655 P-Tier Crawler Loader for \$314,215.00

Allen left the meeting.

Keith Wangerin joined the meeting and discussed the following:

1. Wangerin shared the recent calls for service.

2. Wangerin stated he is working with the hospital on transfers.

3. Wangerin stated he is working on the open position advertising.

A motion was made by Peterson and seconded by Gwennap to convene in executive session at 10:42 a.m. for 5 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel. Motion carried unanimously. Also in the session was Keith Wangerin and Ashley Maxwell. No action was taken. Regular session reconvened at 10:47 a.m.

commissioners

signed 2 longevity pay increases.

The commissioners signed 3 additional duty pay increases.

Shannon Schmidt and Patrina Frazier joined the meeting and asked for permission to utilize their budget funding for upgrades to the courtroom and jury room.

Ryan Allen rejoined the meeting.

The commissioners are in favor of the purchases.

Allen asked the commissioners to review the lease bid request.

Allen left the meeting. Trenton Ringle joined the meeting and shared an apology for the lawn. Ringle shared he is having issues with his lawn mower..

Ringle also shared the bank is working on the contract for the lot.

Ringle also shared tomorrow, the sheriff's office will be holding an interview with an individual for a deputy position.

Ryan Allen rejoined the meeting.

Adam Ifland joined the meeting.

Ringle left the meeting. Allen asked Commissioner Gwennap to sign the lease purchase bid request letter.

Adam Ifland shared a map of the fairground property. A. Ifland shared the cons of the fair: volunteers/assistance, drainage around the beef barn, and the road usage at the Southeast corner of the grounds. The commissioners will have some additional material hauled in to assist with the drainage.

Ifland also discussed the pros: bath houses, emergency management, armory, barrel race, and the indoor premium auction.

Gwennap asked how fair

board members are selected. A. Ifland stated most of the time they are asked to be on the board.

Adam Ifland and the commissioners discussed insurance for the fair board. The commissioners will table the insurance until next week.

Adam Ifland left the meeting.

commissioners The signed 1 tax abatement.

Keith Wangerin rejoined the meeting. Wangerin shared with the board he has a full-time employee who has requested a status

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change from full-time to permanent part-time. Wangerin asked to advertise for 3 open positions. The board is in favor of the additional employee.

At 12:11 p.m. a motion was made by Peterson and seconded by Ifland to adjourn as there was no further business. Motion carried unanimously.

These minutes are not official until signed by the county commissioners and attested to by the County Clerk.



Crew members work to set up the stage for the free concert held during the Lebanon Bash held last Saturday.

Joleen Brewer/SCP

THE TASTY TALES

The Smith County Pioneer Ladies

Each week a new Recipe will be published fitting for the season.

Football season will be a number of recipes for tailgating parties.

Starting in November we will be sharing Holiday Recipes.

December will host Christmas Candies.

January will be Soups and Finality February will be Cookies with the Smith Co. Pioneer hosting a Cookie Exchange.

Bacon Wrapped Little Smokes

1 pk Little Smokies 1 lb Bacon, cut in thirds 1/2 cup brown sugar 1/2 tea. garlic powder 1/4 tea cayenne pepper

PERP-15 min, COOK-30-35 min. SERVINGS-30 people

*Preheat oven to 400° and line a baking pan with parchment paper. *Wrap each little smokie with bacon and secure with toothpick. *Place on baking pan.

*Mix together Brown sugar, garlic powder, and cayenne pepper. *Sprinkle mixture over little smokies

*Bake for 30-35 minutes



WOLTERS WAR

Auction and Realty
Col. Jim Wolters, Broker & Auctioneer

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qualifying full-time position and up to \$500 for a qualifying part-time position. The Commercial Technology/Equipment Grant is intended to promote the advancement of technology or equipment that will allow businesses to pursue greater productivity or to offer new services. This grant would be up to \$2,000 in matching funds for a qualifying project such as for the purchase of new technology or equipment that can provide better efficiency for day-to-day operations; to offer new services; or to update equipment for advanced capabilities. Discussion included: Workforce Grant-add that the entire grant amount must be passed on to the employee through regular

payroll. Mayor Wiehl called for a recess of the regular council meeting, to be continued following the RNR and Budget Hearings.

At 6:15 p.m. Mayor Wiehl opened the Revenue Neutral Rate Hearing. Discussion was held on how the RNR is established, and the rate proposed for 2026. A motion was made by Wick, seconded by Cole, to adopt Resolution 2025-6 to levy a property tax rate exceeding the revenue neutral rate. Motion carried.

The budget hearing commenced with the floor open for questions and comments. Following discussion, a motion was made by Kingsbury, seconded by Wick, to approve the 2026 budget as presented. Motion carried.

The council meeting resumed, continuing with Economic Development.

Following discussion on the proposed new grant options, a motion was made by Kingsbury, seconded by Wick, to approve the Workforce Grant with changes. Motion carried. A motion was made by Cole, seconded by Kingsbury, to approve the Commercial Technology/Equipment Grant. Motion carried.

Roth shared that the advisory board had decided that due to member conflicts with school sports on Thursday evenings, the monthly meeting will be moved to the first Wednesday following the second Monday of each month, at

5:30 p.m. Motion by Wick, seconded by Cole, to approve the monthly ecodevelopment nomic meeting date and time change as presented. Motion carried.

Valerie Haskett will have completed her six-month probationary period at the beginning of September. A motion was made by Kingsbury, seconded by Wick, to approve moving Haskett up one step on the salary schedule, effective September 1st. Motion carried.

Wiehl presented a rein bursement for approval. A motion was made by Mansholt, seconded by Kingsbury, to approve a reimbursement of \$123.65 to Scott Roth for meals. Motion carried.

Roth stated that October 1st is the deadline for two businesses to have their loan payments up to date, per certified letters. Wiehl will meet with Roth on follow-up options.

b) Police Department-Chief Marshall announced that the department has received a \$2,037 grant from the Inez L. Reed Charitable Foundation to purchase cameras. Upon receipt, the cameras were ordered.

Marshall shared that a bid was received to outfit the new patrol vehicle, however, the bid came in high. He will be going through the items that the company included that are not necessary in these patrol vehicles; will obtain another bid/quote; and will be utilizing purchasing program options in order to save funds.

Marshall also reported that the department will be participating in the CPR class the next day at the EMS building; and will also have his AED checked.

c) Hileman-Has been working up a plan to get water to the golf course, explaining that there is a 4" line that can be tied in to and ran 1.5 miles down the ditch area (following an application with the State of Kansas).

He has talked with Municipal Supply about pricing on the supplies needed. By going this route, Hileman explained that the water will already be treated, will not have to wait on the wells to produce, and we could elimi-

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nate the use of chlorine at the golf course. The water would be metered and would be reduced from the 4" line to a 2". Hileman explained that the greens are not in good condition, due to the untreated water that is high in selenium. Wiehl asked about running a new line instead; Kingsbury replied that it would cost twice as much. Cole asked if it would have a negative impact on the town's water supply; Hileman replied that it would not. Hileman will meet with the golf course advisory board once he receives the materials

auote. IV. Governing Body

Reports a) Wick-Reported on the recent recreation commission meeting. Following the report, a motion was made by Kingsbury, seconded by Wick, to accept a resignation from Avery Hawkins. Motion carried. A motion was made by Wick, seconded by Cole, to reappoint Tiffany Mansholt to the commission. Motion carried. (E. Mansholt ab-

Kingsbury reported to Wick that the showers and sinks are in at the new bathhouse

b) Mansholt-Reported that Maudlin had corresponded with him on work to beautify the small lot west of The Pioneer by utilizing it as a pocket park. Maudlin explained that the design would allow for seating, some shade, green space, and a general aesthetic appearance; and she is working with Jack Yenne and Bush Designs. It was the consensus of the council to move forward.

V. Executive Session

A motion was made by Kingsbury, seconded by Wick, to enter into an executive session for ten minutes, personnel exception matters, non-elect personnel. Motion carried. In session at 7:03 p.m. - out of session at 7:13 p.m.

VI. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Wick and seconded by Kingsbury. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:14 p.m.